(b) if so, by when such a scheme will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Demand for grant of statehood to Delhi

*120. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a growing demand for granting Statehood to Delhi from the political parties and the public; and

(b) if so, what is Governments reaction in regard to granting Statehood to Delhi in view of granting Statehood to various Union Territories during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The demand for grant of State hood to Delhi is voiced by political parties from time to time.

(b) The Sarkaria Committee has been set up to consider and make recommendations for re-organising and rationalising the administrative and municipal set up of Delhi. However, there is no proposal under consideration to grant Statehood to Delhi.

बिस्किट, केक और पेस्ट्रीज पर उत्पाद शुल्क

748. **श्री मौर्जा इर्शादबेग** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बिस्किट पर कितने और कौन से करों से सरकार को कितना राजस्व प्राप्त होता है;

(ख) केक तथा पेस्ट्रीज पर उत्पाद शुल्क की दर क्या है और इससे कितना राजस्व प्राप्त होता है; और

(ग) क्या बिस्किट के भावों में कमी लाने की कोई योजना है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राजस्व विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : (क) बिस्कुटों पर मूल्यानुसार 10% की दर से मूल उत्पादन शुल्क उद्ग्रहणीय होता है। वर्ष 1987–88 के लिए इस जिन्स से राजस्व वसूली का अनुमान लगभग 18 करोड़ रुपए है।

(ख) केक तथा पेस्ट्री पर उत्पादन शुल्क से छूट है।

(ग) बिस्कुटों पर कोई मूल्य नियंत्रण नहीं है। बिस्कुटों पर उत्पादन शुल्क भार अधिक नहीं है। बिस्कुटों के निर्माताओं को औसतन 4%की सीमा तक मॉडवेट का लाभ उपलब्ध है। इसके अलावा, छोटे निर्माताओं को एक वर्ष में 15 लाख रुपए तक की निकासियों के सम्बन्ध में उत्पादन शुल्क से पूर्ण छूट प्राप्त है और इसके बाद 60 लाख रुपए की निकासियों पर उन्हें केवल मूल्यानुसार 5% की दर से शुल्क अदा करना होता है। इस प्रकार, बिस्कुटों की कीमतों पर उत्पादन शुल्क भार अत्यन्त मामूली है।

Centrally sponsored irrigation projects completed during the last three years

749. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Centrally sponsored irrigation projects completed during the last three years, Statewise; and

(b) the number of projects abandoned during the above period, statewise and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA

SAHI): (a) and (b) There is no Centrally Sponsored Irrigation Project which has been completed during the last three years or abandoned.

Request from Indian Rubber Growers Association, Cochin for increase in reference price of Natural Rubber

750. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Indian Rubber Growers Association, Cochin with regard to increase in the reference price of natural rubber; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Government have received a representation dated 29th January, 1988 from the Indian Rubber Growers Association. In this representation among other things one of the request is for enhancement of the procurement price for Rubber.

(b) The Government is already operating a buffer stocking scheme through STC to ensure remunerative returns to the growers while simultaneously ensuring steady supply of rubber to users at reasonable prices. The release price has been fixed based on the recommendations of the Cost Accounts Branch of the Ministry of Finance

Plan assistance to Kerala State

751. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government had taken advance Plan assistance from the Centre in the financial year, 1985-86 and 1986-87 or made any adjustments to this end; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) A statement is laid.

Statement

The following assistance has been allocated to the Government of Kerala during 1985-86 *and* 1986-87.

(Rs. in crores)

	1985-86	1986-87
A. *Central assistance*		
I. Normal assistance	157.62 (157.62)	193.52 (193.43)
II. Advance Plan assistance	100.00 (100.00)	75.00 (75.00)
Total (I) & (II)	257.62 (257.62)	268.52 (268.43)
B. Adjustment of Advance Plan assistance including drought relief assistance	3.60	28.60
Net Central assistance	254.02 (254.02)	239.92 (239.83)

NOTE : Figures in brackets indicate actual releases made to the State Government.